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Dear Amel:

I imagine that Joe's in Japan now, so I'm sending this note straight on to you. Do you remember my querying the use of ascorbic acid in a 'life-saver'? Well, as you can see from the enclosure it's been done, as I first noticed yesterday in my local drug-store. Nothing said about ascorbate as a bactericide (assuming it is effectively one), and in any case, if the idea's a good one, it's not likely to be patent-protected.

Anyhow, I don't like this particular brand— not tart enough.

I've been trying to think whether I've run into these before, but I imagine they're a recently introduced product.

Sincerely,

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